

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Missouri**



**Notice of Changes to Miscellaneous Fee Schedule
Effective December 1, 2014**

At its September 2014 session, the Judicial Conference approved three changes to the bankruptcy court miscellaneous fee schedule effective December 1, 2014.

First, the Conference approved an increase of \$50 to the fee assessed when a direct bankruptcy appeal is accepted by a court of appeals. The fee therefore increases from \$157 to \$207, and is in addition to the \$298 filing and docketing appeal fee (so the total fee for filing a direct appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals is \$505).

Second, the Conference approved two amendments to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule that were developed in connection with a new national policy establishing filing and notice procedures for requests to redact personal identifiers from large volumes of court filings in multiple cases, including closed cases. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037.

The Conference established a \$25 fee to file a request to make redactions to previously filed records in a bankruptcy case. The fee is intended to be charged for each affected case, but courts may waive the fee under appropriate circumstances. The fee waiver is a judicial determination and might be appropriate when, for example, the redaction request is filed on behalf of a debtor to correct an unredacted document filed by a creditor.

The Conference also endorsed a new exception to the reopening fee for a closed bankruptcy case to clarify that the reopening fee does not apply if redaction is the only purpose for reopening the case.

Separately, a number of bankruptcy courts have raised questions about a recently adopted fee, which became effective December 1, 2013, for filing a motion to sell property free and clear of liens in a bankruptcy case under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f). Specifically, courts have asked whether payment of the fee may be deferred pending the sale of the property identified in the motion. The Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule does not currently address deferral of this fee. The Court Administration and Case Management (CACM) Committee considered this question at its June 2014 meeting, and agreed that the fee is due when the motion is filed and should not be deferred. The CACM Committee therefore declined to recommend that the Judicial Conference consider any amendments to the fee at this time.

A copy of the summarized fee schedule effective December 1, 2014, in table format, is posted to the Court's website located at: http://www.mow.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy/rules/bk_fees_12012014.pdf